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HAUNTED HOUSE ENFORCEMENT POLICY

1. USE SECTION 2506 OF THE 1998 INDIANA FIRE CODE, INCLUDING THE FOLLOWING:

a. If the building is already sprinklered, there shall be no ceiling, canopy, wall, prop, or other structure created inside the building that causes an obstruction between the sprinkler heads and the floor, or between sprinklers and structural members; no partition walls or props shall be closer than 3 feet to a sprinkler head.

b. Each required exit (every 50 linear feet) from a maze or other such structure shall be clearly distinguishable from the surroundings. When doors are provided, they shall swing in the direction of exit travel. When doors in a maze are provided with latching devices, such devices shall be obvious, not more than 44 inches off the floor, and shall not require any special knowledge or effort to use.

c. Exit signs shall be posted at every exit required in (b) above.

d. No exit from a maze shall be more than 50 feet from a completely unobstructed, illuminated exit path to a clearly marked, accessible, illuminated exit to the exterior of the building; no exit from a maze shall return into the maze, so that there is an obvious way out of the existing building without going back into the maze. Upon exiting from a maze, the direction of exit travel shall be obvious.

e. All areas of a maze shall be at least 3 feet wide, and 5 feet high, except that a section not exceeding 4 feet in length may be 2 feet wide and 2 feet high; there shall not be more than 1 such 4 foot section per 50 linear feet. The operator of any haunted house that includes 2'x 2' sections should be strongly encouraged to provide a "by-pass" area around the section so as to permit effective evacuation in the event of a fire, and to permit safe access to the 2' x 2' section by firefighters.

f. A smoke detection system is required, but the system may consist of residential

smoke detectors, if such detectors are wired together so that if any one of them goes off, all go off. If such a battery operated smoke detector system is used, there shall be at least 1 detector every 25 linear feet. If a hard wired, commercial system is used, it must comply with the requirements of NFPA 72.

g. Fire extinguishers shall be at least 2-A 10B-C.

2. USE SECTION 805 OF THE 2003 INDIANA FIRE CODE.

All material used in all display areas must be (1) **flame retardant**, either manufactured that way, with the manufacturer's label, or made flame retardant with a substance that is manufactured to make the specific material flame retardant (all substances used to make materials flame retardant must be applied per the manufacturer's instructions, and the containers and proof of purchase of the substances shall be retained for inspection by the fire prevention personnel.) **or** (2) **non-combustible**

3. USE SECTION 804 OF THE 2003 INDIANA FIRE CODE.

a. Section 804.2 - The required width of any portion of a means of egress shall not be obstructed by decorative vegetation such as hay, straw, corn stalks or shocks, etc.

b. Section 804.3 - Candles and open flames shall not be used on or near decorative vegetation such as hay, straw, corn stalks or shocks, etc.

4. USE SECTION 806 OF THE 2003 INDIANA FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

Section 806.1.3 - No decorations or other objects shall be placed to obstruct exits, access to exits, exit discharges or visibility of exits.

5. IN ADDITION TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE USE AS A HAUNTED HOUSE, THE STRUCTURE SHALL COMPLY WITH ALL APPLICABLE PROVISIONS OF THE FIRE CODE; IN PARTICULAR, ALL FIRE SUPPRESSION, PREVENTION, AND PROTECTION SYSTEMS/EQUIPMENT IN THE STRUCTURE SHALL BE MAINTAINED IN A FULLY OPERABLE CONDITION, AND NO GASOLINE OR GASOLINE POWERED EQUIPMENT SHALL BE ALLOWED ANYWHERE IN THE EXISTING BUILDING OR THE HAUNTED HOUSE.

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Facility Name		Address		City	Zip
Deputy Name		Permit Issued Yes No		Inspection Date	
	Code Requirement	Met	Not Met	N/A	
1.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. This Section applies to haunted houses and similar installations set up for temporary use, not exceeding 90 days. Any interior within a structure not designed for this specific use shall comply with the following and all other applicable rules of the Fire Prevention and Building Safety Commission:				
2.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. A group shall consist of twenty (20) individuals or less. Each group shall be accompanied/supervised by staff person 18 years of age or older. Staff persons shall have in their possession an operable flashlight and shall be completely familiar with the facility.				
3.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. All stairways must be illuminated at a level of at least one foot candle				
4.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. No smoking allowed at any time by anyone inside the building. NO SMOKING signs posted.				
5.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. There shall be no open-flame devices, spark producing or temporary heaters used in the building				
6.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Automatic smoke detectors shall be installed in accordance with NFPA 72. If battery operated detectors are used they must be connected together and when one sounds, all detectors shall sound throughout the building.				
7.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Residential style detectors may be used. If residential detectors are used they shall be placed every 25 linear feet and they shall be connected together so that when one sounds an alarm; all detectors within the facility shall go into alarm.				
8.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. The fire department has been contacted prior to the placing of the facility in operation. A sketch shall be provided to the fire department to accommodate these procedures.				
9.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. The total number occupants in the facility any time shall be limited to the number allowed by the total exits from the facility as determined by the Indiana Building Code.				
10.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Fire extinguishers shall be distributed throughout the building so that not more than 75 feet need be traversed to each suitable fire extinguisher.				
11.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Fire extinguishers installed are a minimum of 2-A:10B-C rating.				
12.	Section 1203 IFC 1998 Edn. Obstructions, including storage, shall not be placed in the required width of a means of egress and shall not be obstructed in any manner and shall remain free of any material or matter its presence would obstruct or render the means of egress hazardous.				
13.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. All areas of maze are 3 feet wide and 5 feet high. Exception: One section per 50 linear feet may be 2 feet wide and 2 feet high and 4 foot in length. Not more than one such restricted exit path is allowed per 50 linear feet.				
14.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Each required exit shall be clearly distinguishable from surroundings.				
15.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Doors provided in exit path swing in the direction of travel.				
16.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Doors in a maze with latches shall have such devices not more than 44 inches off the floor, latches shall be obvious and not require special knowledge or effort to use.				
17.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Exit sign posted at every required exit.				

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18.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Exits from a maze shall be no more than 50 feet from a completely unobstructed, illuminated exit path to a clearly marked, accessible, illuminated exit to the exterior of the building.			
19.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. In any facility using the maze concept, there shall be no dead end corridors and there shall be an obvious exit out of the maze for every fifty (50) feet of linear travel.			
20.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. No exit from a maze returns the occupants into the maze.			
21.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Upon exiting from a maze, the direction of exit travel shall be obvious.			
22.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. All electrical installations must comply with the Indiana Electrical Code.			
23.	Section 2501.5; IFC 1998 Edn. Decorative material, including Christmas trees, that would tend to increase the fire and panic hazard, shall be made from material which is not flammable material or shall be treated and maintained in a flame retardant condition by means of flame retardant solution or process.			
24.	Section 2506.1 IFC 1998 Edn. Sprinklered buildings – no ceiling, canopy, wall, prop or other structure created inside the building causes an obstruction between the sprinkler head and the floor or between structure and sprinkler head.			
25.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.5 Extension cords shall not be used as a substitute for permanent wiring. Extension cords and flexible cords shall not be affixed to structures; extended through walls, ceilings or floors, or under doors or floor coverings; or be subject to environmental damage or physical impact.			
26.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.4.2 Power supply. Relocatable power taps shall be directly connected to a permanently installed receptacle.			
27.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.4.3 Installation. Relocatable power tap cords shall not extend through walls, ceilings, floors, under doors or floor coverings, or be subject to environmental or physical damage.			
28.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.5.1 Power supply. Extension cords shall be plugged directly into an approved receptacle, except for approved multiplug extension cords, shall serve only one portable appliance. (675 IAC 22-2.3-68)			
29.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.4 Multiplug adapters such as multiplug extension cords, cube adapters, strip plugs and other devices that do not comply with the 2002 Indiana Electrical Code or the 2003 Indiana Fire Code shall not be used.			
30.	2003 IFC Edition Section 605.4.1 Power tap design. Relocatable power taps shall be of the polarized or grounded type, equipped with overcurrent protection, and shall be listed.			
31.	2003 IFC Edition Section 1003.2.5.4 Clear width. Protruding objects shall not reduce the minimum clear width of accessible routes as required by the accessibility provisions of the <i>Indiana Building Code</i> .			

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32.	2003 IFC Edition Section 1003.2.6 Floor surface. Walking surfaces of the means of egress shall have a slip-resistant surface and be securely attached.			
33.	2003 IFC Edition Section 1003.2.10.1 Exits and exit access doors shall be marked by an approved exit sign readily visible from any direction of egress travel. Exit signs shall be located as necessary to clearly indicate the direction of egress travel. No point in an exit access corridor shall be more than 100 feet from the nearest visible sign.			
34.	2003 IFC Edition Section 1003.3.1 Doors. Means of egress doors shall meet the requirements of this Section . Doors serving a means of egress system shall meet the requirements of this Section and Section 1005.3.1. Where additional doors are provided for egress purposes, they shall conform to the requirements of this Section . Means of egress doors shall be readily distinguishable from the adjacent construction such that the doors are easily recognizable as means of egress doors. Mirrors or similar reflecting materials shall not be used on means of egress doors. Means of egress doors shall not be concealed by curtains, drapes, decorations or similar materials.			
35.	2003 IFC Edition Section 803.1.1 Explosive and highly flammable materials. Furnishings or decorations of an explosive or highly flammable character shall not be used.			
36.	2003 IFC Edition Section 803.1.2 Fire-retardant coatings. Fire-retardant coatings shall be maintained so as to retain the effectiveness of the treatment under service conditions encountered in actual use. Name Of Flame Retardant Date Applied			
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